



City of Seattle

Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

Seattle Women's Commission

2003 Workplan

SWC Goal One: Provide greater opportunity for civic participation of women in the city of Seattle

Mayor's Priority: Promote strong civic spirit and citizen participation

Make City government more responsive to Seattle residents

Project One: Organize and co-host 2nd Annual Women's Summit

- ~ Access input from the women's community in Seattle to identify pressing concerns and needs.
- ~ Publish a report of recommendations to Mayor and City Council.

Project Two: Develop and deliver a "how to lobby" training to women's groups in the city of Seattle

- ~ Provide information to women's organization and selected groups (young adults, refugees) on how city government operates and how to effectively participate

Project Three: Co-sponsor civic participation programs with other organizations.

- ~ Participate, lend support and provide publicity with existing civic participation programs in the city

Project Four: Organize and disseminate information on lobby days regarding women's issues to women and organizations in the city of Seattle

- ~ Provide information (flyers, e-mail and web-site updates) on dates/locations/agendas of lobby days
- ~ Provide information on how to effectively lobby at events
- ~ Organize opportunities for SWC to participate with lobby days related to issues affecting women in the city of Seattle

Goal Two: Gather and disseminate information relating to women and women's organizations in the city of Seattle

Mayor's priorities: Increase social equity by improving access to jobs and skills training,
Make City government more responsive to Seattle residents

Project One: Gather information regarding the status of women and issues in Seattle and share with elected officials.

- ~ Status of women
- ~ Poverty
- ~ Economic cost of domestic violence
- ~ Pay Equity
- ~ Homelessness
- ~ Women's success stories
- ~ Immigrant and refugee women

Project Two: Provide and maintain website as a resource and information clearinghouse regarding events, issues and opportunities for women in the City of Seattle

- ~ Provide information to update the SWC web site every week with current events and information

Goal Three: Research and advocate in support of or against issues that affect women in the City of Seattle

Project One: Raise awareness about and respond to proposals by writing letters to council, mayor and other government officials in support of or opposition to issues that affect women

- ~ Identify role/needs/partners regarding advocacy opportunities
- ~ Write op ed letters regarding issues concerning women in the City of Seattle
- ~ Write letters to city officials, legislators to advocate for women's issues

Goal Four: Provide education/training with city officials and constituents on issues that impact women in the City of Seattle

Project One: Work with organizations to assess interest/needs/role of SWC in developing/providing training

Project Two: Develop a project where city officials can share experiences with constituents

Goal Five: Establish a nominations committee to monitor membership and fill vacancies on commission as needed

- ~ Work with Mayor and City Council to fill Commission vacancies
- ~ Work with Executive Committee and full Commission to fill officer positions on commission

Goal Six: Establish an Executive Committee to provide leadership and direction for the commission